

Director of Neighborhood House, a non-profit in Seattle. He also served as the Washington governor's staff director and special assistant for housing.

In the Seattle area, Mr. Thomas served as a member of the Board for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, which he also chaired from 1995–1998. He also serves as a member of the Seattle-King County Workforce Development Board.

Harry's commitment to public service does not stop with his service to the Seattle area. In 2002, he served on the Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Care Facility Needs of Senior Citizens in the 21st Century, a Congressional Commission charged with evaluating the need for senior housing in the twenty-first century. He also serves as Secretary of the Executive Board for the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities and as President of the Housing Research Foundation Board, both organizations based in Washington, D.C. that focus on federal funding and policy for low-income housing.

In recognition of his dedication and service, Mr. Thomas received the 1999 National Council on the Aging Sidney Spector Award and the 1995 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Washington School of Social Work and Alumni Association.

Harry, thank you for your life-time of public service to the greater Seattle community, and your tireless work to provide decent, safe housing for the area's low-income households.

#### GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 24, 2004*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, Greek Independence Day is not only an opportunity won by the Greeks after 400 years of oppression, but also an opportunity to remind ourselves of the freedom we are able to exercise today. Americans like the rest of the world's democracies, truly appreciate the Hellenic ideals of liberty, freedom, and democracy. The ancient Greeks fashioned the notion of democracy, and our Founding Fathers drew heavily from their philosophy and political experience in forming our own representative government.

The excellence of mankind has often been symbolized by Hellenic ideals. The works of Homer, Plato, and Aristotle, have been studied by countless numbers of students over hundreds of years. The Olympics, a tournament of sports watched and enjoyed by millions, experienced its birth among the ancient Greeks. Seeking to promote friendship and peace among nations the Olympics now boast almost 200 participating countries. This summer, the 2004 Summer Olympics will return to their birthplace and now more than ever, we should be reminded of these values and strive to meet them with other nations of the world.

On Greek Independence Day we should also seek to celebrate the living history of Greek heritage. During the occupation by the Ottoman Turks, they risked harsh penalties, some extreme as death, to teach their children the culture, history, and language of their glorious ancestors. These "Secret Schools" kept alive the heritage and spirit demonstrated today. It is this dedication to Greek culture and

ideals that led them to revolt against the Ottomans in 1821.

During the Greek's 8-year revolution for freedom, many Americans fought alongside them in battle. The United States Congress sent funds along with supplies to aid the fight for independence. That friendship is still strong today as Greece and its people join us in combating terrorism that seeks to destroy the ideals of liberty, freedom and democracy which we value.

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### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 24, 2004*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the attached editorial by the San Jose Mercury News dated March 15, 2004 as an extension of my remarks earlier today.

[From the San Jose Mercury News, Mar. 15, 2004]

BUSH MANIPULATES SCIENCE DATA TO PURSUE  
HIS IDEOLOGICAL GOALS

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The Bush administration has the manipulation of scientific data down to a science.

When it comes to imposing his ideology on the work of world-renowned scientists, the president is an equal opportunity meddler. Global warming. Stem cell research. The quality of our drinking water. Health issues (particularly those related to women's health). Nuclear weapons. Agricultural practices. Those are just a few of the areas in which Bush routinely uses politics to cater to big business or the religious right.

Congress last fall asked the General Accounting Office to investigate. If the GAO's report, due in April, confirms a similar investigation conducted by the Union of Concerned Scientists, Congress should immediately begin holding hearings aimed at ending future presidents' ability to distort and suppress science for political gain. And the scientific community's outrage over the administration's actions should be raised when judging the presidential candidates' credibility.

Consider the array of scientists and federal officials opposed to the administration's actions. Twenty Nobel laureates. Dozens of prominent scientists who cover the political spectrum. Even a collection of federal officials who served in Republican administrations, including President Nixon's Environmental Protection Agency administrator, William Ruckelshaus. It's also significant that no prominent scientists are surfacing to defend the Bush administration.

But it's difficult to defend distortions such as the National Cancer Institute's suggestion on its Web site that there is a link between abortion and breast cancer. The Institute posted that information despite the objections of Centers for Disease Control staff. Numerous examples of suppression or distortion of scientific data are contained in the Union of Concerned Scientists' report.

Bush has been quoted as saying, "Science and technology have never been more essential to the defense of the nation and the health of our economy."

Too bad his actions don't live up to his words.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAWN  
MATHIEWS

### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 24, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dawn Mathews of Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado, on receiving the "Power of One" award at the Sixth Annual Colorado Woman Conference for her work with the Roadside Memorial Project. The conference recognizes individual women, selected by Colorado newswomen, who have made an extraordinary difference in their community. It is my privilege to recognize Dawn and her achievements before this body of Congress and this nation today.

As founder and executive director of the Roadside Memorial Project, Dawn strives to document and preserve the roadside memorials for victims of car accidents and raise traffic safety awareness. She believes that these memorials are an important way for families of the victims to deal with their loss, and that they send a valuable message to motorists about the hazards of driving. Dawn photographs the memorials and then uses computer graphics to create images that she puts on public display. While her goal is to get people to slow down on the road, she finds her personal involvement with the families of the victims as one of the most rewarding aspects of her work.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Dawn Mathews here today before this body of Congress and this nation and congratulate her on receiving the "Power of One" award. KUSA-TV's Amanda Martin selected Dawn for this honor, and it is a well-deserved testament to her dedication to her community and the State of Colorado. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING INDIANA STATE  
SENATOR KENT ADAMS ON THE  
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 24, 2004*

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Hoosier legislator, Senator Kent Adams, for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Indiana and to congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement.

Senator Adams obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree from Manchester College. He then continued his education, earning his Masters of Arts from Ball State University and a Degree in Education from Walden University; Senator Adams also attended the State Police Academy at Indiana University.

Senator Adams has dedicated himself to public service throughout his life. Upon completing his degrees, he pursued a career in education as a teacher and a school administrator. In addition, Senator Adams also served as an Indiana State Trooper.

Senator Adams was first elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 1988. He served two terms in the House of Representatives and was named Outstanding Freshman Legislator in 1989.